GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3158
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POOR PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

the number of poor people in 1987, 1997, 1990 and 2000 separately in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF S THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from thelarge sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately fiveyears. These surveys have been conducted during 1973-74, 1977-78, 1983, 1987-88, 1993-94 and 1999-2000. The estimates of number of poor for the years 1987-88, 1993-94 and 1999-2000 are given below.

Years	No. of poor (in lakhs)
1987-88	3070.49
1993-94	3203.68
1999-2000	2602.50